

Remarks

Claims 4-10 and 12-20 were pending.

Claims 4, 6, 7, 16 and 17 are cancelled.

Claims 5, 8, 10, 12-15 and 18-20 are amended.

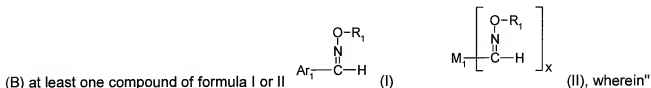
Claim 9 is as previously presented.

The application now contains claims 5, 8-10, 12-15 and 18-20.

Claim 5 is amended to be an independent claim by replacing the first two line of the claim with the preamble and relevant limitations from claim 4, i.e.,

" Alkaline developable, photosensitive composition comprising

(A) at least one alkaline soluble binder resin, prepolymer or monomer component;



and by adding to the end of the claim the limitations "(C) a photopolymerizable compound and which composition additionally comprises an epoxy compound which contains at least two epoxy groups in the molecule". Support is found in now cancelled claim 4.

Claims 8, 10, 12-15, 19 and 20 are amended to be dependent from claim 5.

Claim 4 is amended to incorporate from claim 11 the limitation that the composition additionally comprises an epoxy compound which contains at least two epoxy groups in the molecule. Support is found in now cancelled claim 11.

Claim 18 is amended to delete steps 1-3, remove the remaining numbers associated with the three remaining steps, insert the limitation into former step 4 that it is the coated substrate according to claim 15 that is irradiated and to reword the remaining two steps to specify sequence and eliminate, without changing the meaning of the claim, phrases which appear to lack sufficient antecedent basis, i.e., " the irradiated sample", "the uncured areas" and "the sample". Support is inherent in claims 15, 16 and 18.

No new matter is added.

Rejections

Claims 6, 7 and 18 are rejected under 35 USC 112 second paragraph. Claims 6 and 7 are cancelled. Claim 18 is amended to relate to irradiation of the coated substrate of claim 15 and to remove potentially unsupported terms and limitations. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 USC 112 second paragraph are addressed and are overcome and kindly ask that they be withdrawn.

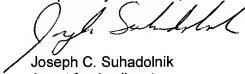
Claim 17 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) and is cancelled.

Claims 4, 6-8, 10, 12-16 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Lairdon, US 3,558,309 in view of Awaji, US 5,849,857. Claims 5 and 9 are objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim but are otherwise allowable.

Claims 4, 6, 7 and 16 are cancelled and the relevant limitations from claim 4 are incorporated into now independent claim 5, and by extension dependent claim 9, as suggested in the Action. Applicants therefore kindly ask the objections to claims 5 and 9 be withdrawn and the claims found allowable. Applicants further respectfully point out that instantly amended claims 8, 10, 12-15, 19 and 20 are now ultimately dependent on claim 5 and thus contain all the limitations thereof. Applicants therefore kindly ask that the rejections of claims 8, 10, 12-15, 19 and 20 and that claims 8, 10, 12-15, 19 and 20 also be found allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections and objections are overcome and kindly ask that they be withdrawn and that claims 5, 8-10, 12-15 and 18-20 be found allowable. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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